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DISTRIBUTION OF VEHICLE INSPECTION CHECKLISTS

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Department of Safety Commissioner Richard M. Flynn, and Police Standards and Training Council Director Keith H. Lohmann, announce the distribution of Vehicle Inspection Checklists to the New Hampshire State Police and New Hampshire Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officers to assist in the discovery and apprehension of terrorists or others who carry explosive devices into their vehicles.

The checklists, which will be distributed on February 16, 2004, were developed by the Technical Support Working Group, Combating Terrorism Technology Support Office and provides comprehensive guidelines to law enforcement on the assessment and inspection of all types of vehicles for the presence of explosive threats. It includes information on interviewing the drivers; inspecting a variety of vehicles, including recreational, commercial and passenger; concealment areas; and information on explosives.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono said, "The street level police officer is one of the nation's best defenses against terrorist incidents, and these checklists provide them with an effective tool to help identify the threat in real time. We are in the process of obtaining additional copies which we will be distributing to county and municipal officers to complete the coverage Statewide."

Commissioner of Safety Richard M. Flynn said, "The addition of these checklists will improve the readiness stance of uniformed members of the Department of Safety in meeting the terrorist threat."

Keith Lohmann, the Director of the Police Standards and Training Council said, "This is another good example of how the Federal Government is working with the State to assist in our joint responsibilities for homeland defense. Through joint efforts like this, we can be much more effective in safeguarding the lives of all New Hampshire citizens."

Additional information concerning this program can be obtained from Mark Long, Law Enforcement Coordinator at the U.S. Attorney's Office at 603-225-1552.